

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 2, 2007

To: California Public Library Directors
California County Law Library Director

From: Susan Hildreth, State Librarian of California

RE: 2007/2008 Public Library Staff Education Program



I am pleased to announce the *2007/2008 Public Library Staff Education Program*. The program, which was developed by a team of public library directors and staff, assists you in your efforts to encourage existing staff members to pursue their MLIS degree. The new program guidelines and application for this competitive tuition reimbursement grant program are available on our website at www.library.ca.gov/html/lsta_app_07_08.cfm. After reviewing the information, please distribute this information to interested staff. Be advised that although we have not yet received federal Library Services and Technology Act funds for 2007/2008 to support this program, the necessary efforts are underway.

Due to the success of the program, we've implemented a number of changes beginning in 2007/08. These changes are being made in an effort to provide assistance and encouragement to as many potential future librarians as possible within the program funding limits. Therefore a maximum limit of \$5,000 per tuition reimbursement award per student, per year, has been put into place. Also, no student may receive more than five years of tuition reimbursement under this program. In addition, all indirect grant administration costs must be provided in-kind by the recipient library.

Thank you for your support of this program, and your assistance in recruiting the talented men and women who will be staffing and leading our libraries in the future. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact Kathy Low by e-mail at klow@library.ca.gov, or at (916) 653-6822.